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PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 C.F.R. 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of the time for a total period of two months to respond to the Office Action mailed on February 12, 2001.

NOTE: "Extensions of Time in Patent Cases (Supplemental Amendments) - if a timely and complete response has been filed after a Non-Final Office Action, an extension of time is not required to permit filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period.

If a timely response has been filed after a Final Office Action, an extension of time is required to permit filing and/or entry of a Notice of Appeal or filing and/or entry of an additional amendment after expiration of the shortened statutory period unless the timely-filed response placed the application in condition for allowance. Of course, if a Notice of Appeal has been filed within the shortened statutory period, the period has ceased to run." Notice of December 10, 1985. (1061 O.G. 34-35)

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

- (x) is filed herewith.
() has been filed.
(Complete the following if applicable)
() the response is the filing of a continuation application
having an express abandonment conditioned on the granting
of a filing date to the continuing application.

EXPRESS MAIL CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the paper(s) identified above, and any noted as being attached, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as Express Mail Label Number EL148508038US , postage prepaid, on the date indicated below and addressed: Box PCT, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

Date: May 10, 2001

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